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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, on Thursday, Oct. 18th at 7.45.p.m.

SPEAKER

Mr. Noel Kemp, Curator of Geology,
Tasmanian Museum.

SUBJECT

Travelling Through India.

NEXT OUTING

SUNDAY, October 21st.

Meet at Prince Theatre to leave at 10.a.m.

We have been invited to meet Mr. and Mrs.

A.B. Brownell at ELLENDALE.

Their property runs back into a lovely bush valley and hillsides in which are the homes of many of our favourite bush birds, and some of the flora should be at its best. One of the Eucalypts is

E. delegantensis

which grows at altitudes between 1000 and 3500 ft.

NOVEMBER MEETING

will be the fourth Thursday, the 22nd and the Bus Outing will be on Saturday November 24th, leaving Prince Theatre at 9.30.a.m.

If you have not yet booked a place please fill in the form on the back of this Bulletin and hand it to Miss Warren on or before October 18th, together with your fare.

"ODD BIRD" Item

From "The Advertiser" (Adelaide) Wed. Sep. 12th.
Two birds crash landed on Adelaide beaches in the weekend - both are way off course from their Antarctic home. One was a big Fulmar and the other a little Kerguelan, (a kind of petrel). Beachwalkers brought them to the RSPCA and they are being cared for with a diet of fresh oysters and whitebait. (Picture will be on the table at next meeting)

FIRE FIGHTING IN REMOTE AREAS

The Rural Fires Board held a meeting on 11th September for further discussion on the formation of Rural Fire Brigades within various Clubs and Organisations.

Mr. R. Shepherd attended and says the Board is planning to hold some training sessions for Volunteers and that individuals from Clubs will combine to make units of the required size.

We have two volunteers, so far, from this Club - Mr. Shepherd, and Miss D. Wise. If any other members care to volunteer for this important job, they would be most welcome.

EXHIBITION

From 23 October to 11 November, the Tasmanian Museum will be holding an exhibition on

TASMANIAN WILD FLOWERS

This will consist of original drawings by
Margaret Stones
prepared for the

"Endemic Flora of Tasmania"
(provided by courtesy of the Honourable Rose Talbot and the Queen Victoria Museum),
together with other drawings by
Louisa Meredith (1812-1895)

This exhibition will be of great interest to many members of our Club.

S.G.A.P

The Society for Growing Australian Plants, Tasmanian Region, is holding a wildflower display at the A.M.P. from Sep 27th to Oct 10th.

There will be flowers from each State in turn, and Tasmania all the time, together with suggestions for the growing of Australian Plants in our gardens.

EASTER CAMP

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MARIA ISLAND

Some items of cost to be considered.

Tasmanian Coach Lines to Triabunna - no suitable bus (regular) would be available up on Good Friday, or back on Easter Tuesday.

A Special could be chartered for \$50 each way. If 20 people used this it would cost \$5 return - plus the cost of the boat trip between Triabunna and the Island.

However, it is hoped the airstrip will be in use by Easter. Then planes could be chartered from Tasair. This could cost about \$12 each, return.

Travelling time between Hobart and Triabunna is $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs and the boat probably would take $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Flying time from Cambridge could be about 15 minutes.

Would intending campers think this over and discuss their opinions with any members of the committee who will probably meet towards the end of October.

November Bus Outing Form Overleaf

POISON HAVOC IN BIRD PARK - 50,000 killed....

from Madrid - Man-made disaster has struck one of the world's great bird sanctuaries, Coto Donana, in Spain.

Indiscriminate use of a prohibited pesticide in rice paddies adjoining the wildlife preserve is responsible.

Thousands more are doomed, because the seasonal migration of birds from northern and central Europe to the marshlands will soon begin.

At Coto Donana, nearly 90% of the spoonbill population is dead. Rare species of wildlife are threatened, among them the Spanish imperial eagle, the carrion-eating bearded vulture, and the spotted lynx. Bodies of ducks, coots, storks, plovers were found in large numbers. Analysis showed high incidence of chlorate poisoning.

T.F.N.C. BUS OUTING Nov. 24th, 9.30.a.m.

Meet opp. Prince Theatre ready to LEAVE at 9.30.a.m.

Intending passengers please send this form, with fare, (\$2.50) to Miss F.E.Warren

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or leave it at 59 Davey St. or give to the Secretary at the meeting, Oct. 18th.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ being for the following people:-

Junior members - no charge.

The following Juniors:-

Signed _____

Address _____
